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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Because of the chaos and almost complete breakdown of government in the recent migration troubles in India, it is very difficult to obtain precise figures as to the number of casualties since partition (15 August 1947). The most reliable figures are those of the Committee for Emergency Aid to India and Pakistan, a relief committee composed of American church and charitable organizations. Figures from that source say ten million persons were involved in the migration of minor groups from one dominion to the other. The committee conservatively estimates that at least one million were killed or died en route during these migrations. Ninety per cent of these deaths occurred in the Punjab. The number of deaths in the recent Kashmir dispute is conservatively estimated at twenty-five thousand.

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